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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 4 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/1999/1116)

Letter dated 31 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/287)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	46th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [52]
2. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: appointment of a member by the President [157]
3. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]:

   (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/54/215)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.21)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 23rd meeting — Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1 and Add. 1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 19th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [88] (A/54/13 and Add.1, A/54/338, A/54/345, A/54/376, A/54/377, A/54/385, A/54/477, A/C.4/54/L.13, L.14, L.15, L.16, L.17*, L.18 and L.19)

   General debate

2. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [89] (A/C.4/54/L.8*, L.9/Rev.1, L.10*, L.11* and L.12)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 32nd meeting — Conference Room 4

Sectoral policy questions [98]

(a) Industrial development cooperation (A/54/320)

(b) Business and development (A/54/451)

General discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Committee on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.8 *(item 100 (e))*

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.3 *(item 105)*

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/9 and L.10 *(items 99 (g) and (d))*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 32nd meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491*)

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467*, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499*, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of action [116 (d)]

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

   Introductory statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights

   Dialogue with the High Commissioner for Human Rights

   Introductory statements by:

   Special Rapporteur on the Question of Torture

   Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan

   Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar

   Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq

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* To be issued.

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 33rd meeting Conference Room 1

1. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [113]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.45

2. Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.29

3. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491*)

4. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467*, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499*, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

5. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of action [116 (d)]

6. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Introductory statements by:

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan

Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 26th meeting Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system [126] (A/54/30, A/54/434, A/54/483, A/53/688 and A/C.5/54/24)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. II), A/54/7 and A/54/16)

Political affairs (Part II)

Peacekeeping operations (Part II, section 5)

Peaceful uses of outer space (Part II, section 6)

International justice and law (Part III)

International Court of Justice (Part III, section 7)

Legal affairs (Part III, section 8 and A/53/643)

General discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 27th meeting Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. II), A/54/7 and A/54/16)

International cooperation for development (Part IV)

Economic and social affairs (Part IV, section 9 and A/53/643)

Africa: New Agenda for Development (Part IV, section 10)

Trade and development (Part IV, section 11A)

International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (Part IV, section 11B, A/54/127 and A/53/7/Add.15)

General discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 26th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

3 p.m. 27th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/54/10 and Corr.1 and 2)

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (item 159)

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Morning** 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 27th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 26th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Integrated Management Information System (IMIS)
2. Death and disability benefits
3. Executive session on the United Nations International Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

The informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) scheduled for *today*, 4 November 1999, have been postponed to Friday, 5 November 1999, and will be held from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.4 (Science and technology) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 4 November 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 100 (b) (International Decade for Natural Disasters) and 100 (f) (Implementation of the Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA AND KOSOVA

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 97 (a) (Financing for development)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 114: racism and racial discrimination)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND THE GROUP OF 77
(on the Millennium Assembly and on briefing by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

FRENCH-LANGUAGE WORKSHOP ON STRUCTURE, DRAFTING AND ADOPTION OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas"), convened by the coordinators (Canada and Pakistan), *today*, 4 November 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 5 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

There will be a meeting to discuss General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.7 on agenda item 162 (Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly) on Friday, 5 November 1999, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal briefing

In connection with issues under discussion in the Second Committee, Mr. D.R. Mehta, Chairman of the Securities Exchange Board of India, will give an informal briefing on the topic of "New Challenges for Equity Markets in Developing Countries" on Monday, 8 November 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 116 (Human rights questions), until 8 November 1999, as follows:

On 5 November: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Yugoslavia); and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); Mr. Ndiaye, Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will introduce the report of the representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons and the oral report of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi;

On 8 November: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The 200th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Friday, 5 November 1999, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), will continue to hold informal consultations on the report of the fourth special session of the Commission on Human Rights on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8 (E/1999/23/Add.1 and E/1999/L.59).

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

The Secretary of the Information Systems Coordination Committee (Geneva) will present the activities of the Committee with an on-line demonstration of tools developed by the Committee for Member organizations.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the fourth substantive session of the Open-ended Preparatory Committee on the South Summit)* on Friday, 5 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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In accordance with paragraph 86 of the report on the eleventh session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/54/39), informal consultations of the High-level Committee will be held on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the theme for the twelfth session of the Committee proposed by the Group of 77 and China entitled "The role of technical cooperation among developing countries in science and technology for development". The informal consultations is open to all Member States.

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Discussion

The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 3 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4059th meeting

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/1999/939, S/1999/940/Rev.1 and Add.1 and S/1999/941)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The delegations of France and the United States were selected, by the drawing of lots by the President, to serve as tellers.

On the first ballot, Mr. Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh, Mr. Gilbert Guillaume, Ms. Rosalyn Higgins, Mr. Gonzalo Parra-Aranguren and Mr. Raymond Ranjeva received the required absolute majority of votes in the Security Council.

The President of the Council read out the text of a letter he had received from the President of the General Assembly, communicating the result of the voting held at the 45th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

Having received the required absolute majority of votes both in the Security Council and in the General Assembly, Mr. Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh, Mr. Gilbert Guillaume, Ms. Rosalyn Higgins, Mr. Gonzalo Parra-Aranguren and Mr. Raymond Ranjeva were elected as members of the International Court of Justice for a term of office of nine years beginning on 6 February 2000.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

45th plenary meeting

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five members of the International Court of Justice [15 (c)]:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/54/305)

(b) List of candidates (A/54/306/Rev.1)

(c) Curricula vitae (A/54/307)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 264 (III), Switzerland was invited to participate in the election to fill vacancies in the International Court of Justice.

The President informed the General Assembly that the Secretariat had received a note verbale dated 1 November 1999 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo communicating that the national group of that country had decided to withdraw the candidature of Mr. Mikuin-Leliel Balanda.

The President further informed the General Assembly that, as the national group of the Democratic Republic of the Congo was the only national group that had nominated Mr. Mikuin-Leliel Balanda, he was therefore no longer a candidate. His name had therefore been deleted from the ballot paper.

In the first ballot all six candidates obtained an absolute majority of vote. This situation had never occurred before in the General Assembly. The President indicated that the same situation had however occurred in the Security Council on several previous occasions. The President drew the attention of representatives to paragraph 14 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/54/305). The General Assembly, on the proposal of the President, decided to proceed to a second round of balloting to fill the five vacancies.

In the second ballot Mr. Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh (Jordan), Mr. Gilbert Guillaume (France), Ms. Rosalyn Higgins (United Kingdom), Mr. Gonzalo Parra-Aranguren (Venezuela) and Mr. Raymond Ranjeva (Madagascar) received the required absolute majority of votes.

The President read out a letter that he had received from the President of the Security Council communicating the results of the voting held at the 4059th meeting of the Council.

Having received the required absolute majority of votes both in the General Assembly and in the Security Council, Mr. Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh (Jordan), Mr. Gilbert Guillaume (France), Ms. Rosalyn Higgins (United Kingdom), Mr. Gonzalo Parra-Aranguren (Venezuela) and Mr. Raymond Ranjeva (Madagascar) were elected members of the International Court of Justice for a term of office of nine years beginning on 6 February 2000.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 15.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 18th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [88]

The Committee continued its general debate began and heard statements by the representatives of Ghana, Oman, China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cuba, Bangladesh, Canada, Turkey, the Syrian Arab Republic, Kuwait and Cyprus.

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew members' attention to draft resolutions A/C.4/54/L.8 to A/C.4/54/L.19 relating to agenda items 88 and 89.

SECOND COMMITTEE 31st meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.20

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sectoral policy questions [98]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

(b) Business and development

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Special Representative and Assistant Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Director of the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 100 was Thursday, 4 November, at 6 p.m.

At the request of the representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Committee agreed to postpone the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under sub-item 97 (a) to Friday, 5 November, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 30th meeting

Advancement of women [109]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.14/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Dominican Republic announced that China, Japan and Seychelles had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Subsequently, the Czech Republic, Eritrea, Mongolia and Viet Nam joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Japan, Slovenia, Colombia, the Syrian Arab Republic, China, Burkina Faso, Trinidad and Tobago, Singapore, Indonesia, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Egypt, Australia (also on behalf of New Zealand, Canada and Norway), Pakistan and India.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Office of the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees.

Organization of work

Following a statement by the representative of Cuba, the Committee agreed to take action on those draft proposals which were ready for action at 3 p.m. each day.

31st meeting

Advancement of women [109]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.18/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Philippines announced that Burkina Faso, the Congo, Costa Rica, Haiti, Ireland, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Togo and Indonesia had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Subsequently, El Salvador joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Philippines, Bahrain, Papua New Guinea, Slovakia, the United Arab Emirates, Brunei Darussalam, the Bahamas, the United Republic of Tanzania, Saudi Arabia and Nigeria.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed that on Friday, 5 November, the Committee will hear the introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/54/L.46 (agenda item 112), L.26 and L.28 (agenda item 114) and will take action on L.24 (agenda item 107).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 24th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee began its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I-III) together with the relevant chapters of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/54/16) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7).

The Chairman made a statement as to the procedure the Committee would follow regarding the consideration of the various sections of the proposed programme budget.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

Part I. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made a general statement on Chapters I and II of the Committee's report and introduced sections 1 and 2 of Part I (A/54/7).

Section 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Canada, the Philippines, the United States, Algeria, Cuba, Pakistan, Japan and Uganda.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Controller and the Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed the first reading of section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Section 2. General Assembly affairs and conference services (A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19 and A/53/833)

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Canada, Chile, Mexico, Algeria, China, the United States, Saudi Arabia, Cuba, Japan, Uganda, Pakistan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Director of the Budget Division and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed the first reading of section 2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Other matters

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in connection with the consideration by the Committee on Information on the question of the development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites.

The Chairman made a statement.

25th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee continued its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Part II (A/54/7).

Part II. Political affairs: Section 3. Political affairs

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Egypt, the United States, Algeria, Cuba, Japan, Pakistan and the Philippines.

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed the first reading of section 3 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 4. Disarmament

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Mexico, Egypt, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Algeria, China, the United States, Cuba, the United Republic of Tanzania and Japan.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed the first reading of section 4 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 5. Peacekeeping operations

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Iceland and Norway), Brazil, Bangladesh, Canada, Pakistan and Japan.

Organization of work

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 25th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Prof. Zdzislaw Galicki, introduced Chapters VIII, IX and X of the report of the Commission.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Germany, Tunisia, New Zealand, Guatemala, Croatia, Argentina, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Israel, the Czech Republic, the United States, the Republic of Korea, China, the Niger, Poland and Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries).

The Chairman also spoke.

1999 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES 2nd meeting

Statements regarding pledges

Statements were made and pledges announced by members of the Conference.

Adoption of the draft report

The Conference adopted its draft report contained in document A/CONF.190/L.1.

Closure of the Conference

The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund made concluding statements.

The President of the Conference made a concluding statement and declared the 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities closed.

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COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Twenty-first session 9th meeting

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Argentina, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Netherlands.

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information also made a statement.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 1999

1807th (closed) meeting

The Committee considered communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant (agenda item 8).

The Committee then considered the concluding observations on Cameroon (CCPR/C/79/Add.116).

1808th (closed) meeting

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on Cameroon.

The Committee then resumed its consideration of agenda item 8.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others. Lake Success, New York, 21 March 1950

Accession: Côte d'Ivoire (2 November 1999)*

Convention on the Nationality of Married Women. New York, 20 February 1957

Accession: Côte d'Ivoire (2 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 4 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Special event

A seminar to commemorate the eighteenth anniversary of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief will be held on Friday, 5 November 1999, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will deliver the keynote address at 9.15 a.m. Following her remarks, there will be a panel composed of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdury, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the Unit-ed Nations; H. E. Mr. Janis Bjorn Kanavin, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Prof. David Little, Harvard University; Dr. William Vendley, Secretary-General, World Conference on Religion and Peace; and Nikoo Mahboubian, President, NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief (co-sponsor of the event, with the International NGO Committee on Human Rights and the Values Caucus). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibits

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building.

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A Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display from 8 to 18 November 1999 at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building.

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An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the Sixteenth to Mid-nineteenth Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until Friday, 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 5 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/1999/1116 and S/1999/1130)

Other matters

Morning*	4060th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Second report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Preliminary Deployment in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/1999/1116)

11 a.m.	4061st meeting** (closed)	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

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* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

** Mr. Bernard Kouchner, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, will give a briefing to the Security Council at this private meeting. Member States wishing to attend may do so pursuant to rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1 and Add. 1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.3 *(item 105)*, L.5 and L.6 *(item 101 b))*

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.11 *(item 99 (e))* and draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.12 and L.13 and resolution 17/1 (Chapter I, section A of A/54/8) *(item 99 (b))*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491*)

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Introductory statements by:

Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia

Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan

Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Yugoslavia

Statements on behalf of:

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq

Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi

To be presented by the representative of the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights

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* To be issued.

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 35th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.46

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.26

3. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.50 and L.52

4. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.24

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491*)

6. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

7. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of action [116 (d)]

8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Introductory statement by:

Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda

General discussion

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* To be issued

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 28th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/101/Rev.1 and A/C.5/54/5)

   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/54/102 and A/C.5/54/6)

   (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/54/103 and A/C.5/54/7)

   (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/54/104 and A/C.5/54/8)

   (e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/54/105 and A/C.5/54/9)

   (f) Appointment of an alternate member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/53/112 and A/C.5/54/10)

2. United Nations common system [126]

   (Written responses to be provided by the Secretariat)

3. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. III), A/54/7 and A/54/16)

   Part IV: International cooperation for development

   Trade and development (Part IV, section 11A) *(continued)*

   International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (Part IV, section 11B, A/54/127 and A/53/7/Add.15)

   Environment (Part IV, section 12 and A/C.5/54/20)

   Human settlements (Part IV, section 13 and A/C.5/54/16)

   Crime prevention and criminal justice (Part IV, section 14)

   International drug control (Part IV, section 15 and A/53/643)

   General discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (United Nations common system (A/54/30, A/54/434, A/54/483, A/53/688 and A/C.5/54/24))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/54/10 and Corr.1 and 2)

Morning*.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session (item 155)

3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.3

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* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Integrated Management Information System (IMIS)
2. United Nations University
3. United Nations International Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	200th meeting	Conference Room 8

1. Draft report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1999/CRP.1)
2. Other matters

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

Twenty-first session

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber
Morning*- 1 p.m.	10th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session [7]

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* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Committee.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Meeting on agenda item 162

There will be a meeting to discuss General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.7 on agenda item 162 (Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly) *today*, 5 November 1999, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 5 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.2 (Debt) A/C.2/54/L.4 (Science and technology) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 5 November 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on the fourth substantive session of the Open-ended Preparatory Committee on the South Summit)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 109: United Nations Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTSRAW))

10 a.m.- 12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 97 (a) (Financing for development)

12 p.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

FRENCH-LANGUAGE WORKSHOP ON STRUCTURE, DRAFTING AND ADOPTION OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS

2.30 p.m.- 5.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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There will be a meeting of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) *today*, 5 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution related to agenda item 40 (a) (Law of the sea) *today*, 5 November 1999, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 8 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	48th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the sixth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/54/187) [53]

2. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/54/315) [51]

3 p.m.	49th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/108) [17 (h)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 1

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (c)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas"), convened by the coordinators (Canada and Pakistan), on Monday, 8 November 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultation on agenda item 28

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 28 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization) will take place on Tuesday, 9 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal briefing

In connection with issues under discussion in the Second Committee, Mr. D.R. Mehta, Chairman of the Securities Exchange Board of India, will give an informal briefing on the topic of "New Challenges for Equity Markets in Developing Countries" on Monday, 8 November 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will hold closed informal consultations with members of the Committee on Tuesday, 9 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A, to continue discussions on the draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoeala (Lesotho), will continue to hold informal consultations on the report of the fourth special session of the Commission on Human Rights on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8 (E/1999/23/Add.1 and E/1999/L.59).

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

The Secretary of the Information Systems Coordination Committee (Geneva) will present the activities of the Committee with an on-line demonstration of tools developed by the Committee for Member organizations.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

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In accordance with paragraph 86 of the report on the eleventh session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/54/39), informal consultations of the High-level Committee will be held on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the theme for the twelfth session of the Committee proposed by the Group of 77 and China entitled "The role of technical cooperation among developing countries in science and technology for development". The informal consultations is open to all Member States.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar entitled "A World Without Poverty: A Collaborative Approach to Strategic Poverty Reduction", organized by the World Bank, on Wednesday, 10 November 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Mr. Sarwar Lateef, Senior Advisor on Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank, will make a presentation. Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the seminar. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Discussion

The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 4 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

46th plenary meeting

Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [52]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 52 and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 52.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: appointment of a member of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [157]

The General Assembly was reminded that, at its 83rd plenary meeting on 8 December 1998, the General Assembly had adopted resolution 53/104 whereby, *inter alia*, it had decided to increase the membership of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country by four members, including one each from African, Asian, Eastern European and Latin American and Caribbean States, to be chosen by the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with the regional groups.

The Assembly was further reminded that at the 94th plenary meeting of its fifty-third session, on 18 February 1999, the General Assembly had taken note that the President of the General Assembly had appointed three members of the Committee from the African, Eastern European and Latin American and Caribbean States, and that there still remained one member of the Committee to be appointed from among the Asian States.

The Assembly took note of the appointment by the President of the General Assembly of Malaysia as a member of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 157.

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/54/215);

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.21)

The Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency presented the report of the Agency for the year 1998.

The representative of Brazil made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.21.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Mexico, the United States, Lithuania, Cuba, the Czech Republic, Japan, Egypt, Ukraine, South Africa, India, Myanmar and the Russian Federation.

47th plenary meeting

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/54/215);

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.21)

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, New Zealand, Uruguay, Australia, Armenia and Belarus.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Korea and Japan.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution A/54/L.21 was postponed to a later date to be announced.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that it would consider agenda item 37 (implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) to take action on draft resolution A/53/L.16 on Wednesday, 10 November, in the morning. The Assembly would also consider, that same morning, agenda item 106 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family) to take action on draft resolution A/54/L.6/Rev.1.*

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* To be issued.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Introduction of revised draft resolutions

The representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, on behalf of the sponsors listed, as well as Ukraine, the United States of America, Croatia and the Czech Republic, introduced the revised draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.40/Rev.1.

The representative of Hungary, on behalf of the sponsors listed, introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.19/Rev.1.

The representative of India, on behalf of the sponsor listed, as well as Bhutan, Mauritius, the Sudan, Fiji and Kenya, introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.31/Rev.1.

The representative of Egypt, on behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the League of Arab States, introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.8/Rev.1.

The representative of the Russian Federation, on behalf of the sponsors listed, introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.1/Rev.1.

The representative of France introduced an amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.1/Rev.1.

Action on draft resolutions

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.17* was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.31/Rev.1 was adopted by 90 votes to 42, with 14 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.33 was adopted by 89 votes to 40, with 18 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.34 was adopted as follows: the last three words in operative paragraph 3 by 128 votes to 1, with 10 abstentions; operative paragraph 3 as a whole by 128 votes to 1, with 10 abstentions; and the draft resolution as a whole by 136 votes to 3, with 5 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/54/L.35 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.43* was adopted as follows: operative paragraph 1 by 137 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions; operative paragraph 2 by 94 votes to 25, with 22 abstentions; and the draft resolution as a whole by 98 votes to 27, with 21 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.19/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.25 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.52 was adopted without a vote.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 19th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [88]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Tunisia, Israel and South Africa.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the observer for Palestine, the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Lebanon and Israel.

The Chief of the Central Planning and Co-ordination Service of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services made a statement.

A/C.4/54/L.13 to L.19

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.13.

The representative of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Norway and Turkey) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.14.

The representative of Indonesia introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/54/L.15 to L.19.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

A/C.4/54/L.13

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.13 by a recorded vote of 120 to 1, with 1 abstention.

Subsequently, the representative of Jordan informed the Committee that his delegation had voted in favour of A/C.4/54/L.13 but was not reflected in the recorded vote.

A/C.4/54/L.14

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.14 without a vote.

A/C.4/54/L.15

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.15 by a recorded vote of 121 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/54/L.16

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.16 by a recorded vote of 123 to none, with 1 abstention.

*A/C.4/54/L.17**

Bangladesh and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.17 by a recorded vote of 121 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/54/L.18

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.18 by a recorded vote of 122 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/54/L.19

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.19 by a recorded vote of 122 to 2, with no abstention.

Subsequently, the representative of the Sudan informed the Committee that, had his delegation been present, they would have voted in favour of draft resolutions A/C.4/54/L.13 to L.19.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 88.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [89]

A/C.4/54/L.8 to A/C.4/54/L.12*

The representative of Cuba introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/52/L.8, L.9/Rev.1, L.10, L.11 and L.12.

*A/C.4/54/L.8**

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.8 by a recorded vote of 70 to 2, with 49 abstentions.

A/C.4/54/L.9/Rev.1

Bangladesh, Indonesia and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.9/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 122 to 2, with 1 abstention.

*A/C.4/54/L.10**

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.10* by a recorded vote of 120 to 2, with 2 abstentions.

*A/C.4/54/L.11**

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.11 by a recorded vote of 119 to 2, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/54/L.12

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and Pakistan became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.12, by a recorded vote of 119 to 1, with 3 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and the Russian Federation.

Statements were made by the observer of Palestine and the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that in accordance with its programme of work and time table the next item for consideration would be agenda item 86 (Effects of atomic radiation). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible and also to kindly submit the draft resolution relating to agenda item 86, in order to conclude that item as scheduled.

SECOND COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Sectoral policy questions [98]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

(b) Business and development

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, the Russian Federation, Norway, China, Ecuador, Thailand, Turkey, Algeria, Ethiopia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Ukraine, Papua New Guinea, Nigeria and the Sudan.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the item.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 97 (a) was *Friday, 5 November, at 6 p.m.*

At the request of the representative of the United States, the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under agenda item 98 (a) and (b) was postponed until *Tuesday, 9 November, at 6 p.m.*

THIRD COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternatives approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the High Commissioner for Human Rights in which the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Canada, Japan, Croatia, China, Cuba, the Sudan, Iraq, India, Bangladesh, Lebanon, Australia, Singapore and Rwanda took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the Question of Torture, Sir Nigel Rodley, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Question of Torture in which the representatives of Canada, Egypt, Denmark and Finland (on behalf of the European Union) took part.

33rd meeting

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [113]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.45

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in document, as well as Armenia, Guyana, New Zealand, Panama, Peru, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.29

The representative of Egypt announced that India and Brazil had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the Congo, Gabon, Liberia, Suriname and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 119 to 2, with 2 abstentions.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Canada, Australia, Israel, the Russian Federation and Mongolia made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

A statement was made by the representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

A statement was also made by the observer for Palestine.

The delegations of Burkina Faso, Croatia, Ghana, Oman, Poland, San Marino, Senegal and Venezuela subsequently indicated that, had they been present, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternatives approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan, Dr. Kamal Hossain, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan in which the representatives of Afghanistan, Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar, Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar in which the representatives of Myanmar, the United States, Japan, Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and the Libyan Arab Jamahariya took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mr. Roberto Garretón, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in which the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Finland (on behalf of the European Union) took part.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 28th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 211, p.13): the text under *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.27* should read:

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Guatemala and Swaziland, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 26th meeting

United Nations common system [126]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Cuba, Poland, the Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisia.

The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations also made a statement.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission made a concluding statement and replied to questions raised.

The Director of the Office of Inter-Agency Affairs of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item, while awaiting receipt of responses, in writing, to the questions raised.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be held on Friday, 5 November 1999, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Manlan Ahounou (Côte d' Ivoire).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I-III) together with the relevant chapters of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/54/16) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7).

Part II. Political affairs

Section 5. Disarmament

The Committee resumed its consideration of section 5.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bolivia, the United States, Cuba, Zambia and Uganda.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 5 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 6. Peaceful uses of outer space

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 6 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part III. International justice and law

Part IV. International cooperation for development

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced Parts III and IV of the report of the Advisory Committee (A/54/7).

Section 7. International Court of Justice

Section 8. Legal affairs

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta Liechtenstein and Norway (on sections 7 and 8)); on section 7 by Mexico, Algeria, the United States; Japan (on section 7 and 8); on section 7 by the Republic of Korea, Canada, Cuba, Argentina, Israel, Uganda and Algeria.

The Controller and the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 7 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

27th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee continued its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part III. International justice and law

Section 8. Legal affairs

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Cuba and Japan.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 8 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part IV. International cooperation for development

Section 9. Economic and social affairs

Section 10. Africa: New Agenda for Development

Section 11A. Trade and development

Section 11B. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

Section 12. Environment

Section 13. Human settlements

Section 14. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Section 15. International drug control

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Norway (on sections 9-15)); Mexico (on section 15); on section 9 by Japan, Algeria, the United States; Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China (on sections 9, 10 and 11 A)); on section 9 by the Philippines, Zambia, Zimbabwe, China, Cuba, Chile, Bolivia, Israel and Kenya.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 9 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 10. Africa: New Agenda for Development

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ethiopia, Algeria, Uganda, the Sudan, the United States, Brazil, Japan, Cuba, Botswana, Zambia, Ghana, Israel, Cameroon, China, Nigeria, Tunisia and Zimbabwe.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 10 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 11 A. Trade and development

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN countries), the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries) and Bangladesh (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 26th and 27th meetings

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, India, France, Malaysia, Burkina Faso, Hungary, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cyprus, Japan, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Austria, Egypt, China, Côte d'Ivoire and Turkey, as well as by the observer for Switzerland.

The Chairman also spoke.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 25th meeting of the Sixth Committee (see *Journal* No. 1999/212, p. 13): In the second paragraph, the representative of Finland spoke on behalf of the Nordic countries and *not* on behalf of the European Union.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 1999

1809th meeting

The Committee adopted the lists of issues it would deal with at the sixty-eighth session, to be held in New York from 6 to 31 March 2000.

1810th (closed) meeting

The Committee discussed communications and the concluding observations on Hong Kong (Special Administration Region) (CCPR/C/79/Add.117).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Kenya (4 November 1999)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Optional Protocol will be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10 December 1999, in accordance with its article 15 (1).

Delegations are advised to contact the Treaty Section in advance to arrange appointments to this effect (room 3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

It is also advised that delegations intending to sign the Protocol submit, as necessary, full powers in advance to the Treaty Section.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

A seminar to commemorate the eighteenth anniversary of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief will be held *today*, 5 November 1999, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will deliver the keynote address at 9.15 a.m. Following her remarks, there will be a panel composed of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdury, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the Unit-ed Nations; H. E. Mr. Janis Bjorn Kanavin, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Prof. David Little, Harvard University; Dr. William Vendley, Secretary-General, World Conference on Religion and Peace; and Nikoo Mahboubian, President, NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief (co-sponsor of the event, with the International NGO Committee on Human Rights and the Values Caucus). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibits

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until *today*, 5 November 1999, at the Visitor's Entrance.

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A Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display from 8 to 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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To mark the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, an international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display from 9 to 21 November 1999. The opening of the exhibit will be held on Tuesday, 9 November, at 6.30 p.m. in the Visitor's Lobby of the General Assembly Building, in the presence of Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, Vendela Thommessen, UNICEF International Spokesperson, and Gerd Poppe, German Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the Sixteenth to Mid-nineteenth Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until Friday, 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 8 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	4062nd (private) meeting*	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Afternoon**	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Sierra Leone

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

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* Mr. Wolfgang Petritsch, High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement in Bosnia and Herzegovina, will give a briefing to the Security Council at this private meeting. Member States wishing to attend may do so pursuant to rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

** Following the adjournment of the 4062nd (private) meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 48th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the sixth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/54/187) [53]

2. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/54/315) [51]

3 p.m. 49th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/108) [17 (h)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 25th meeting Conference Room 2

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 26th meeting Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1 and Add. 1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 33rd meeting Conference Room 4

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

   (c) Women in development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.21

2. Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

   (a) High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.25

3. Environment and sustainable development [100]

   (b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (A/54/497, A/54/136-E/1999/89, A/54/132-E/1999/80, A/54/132/Add.1-E/1999/80/Add.1, A/54/135-E/1999/88, A/C.2/54/4)

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy) on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.19 *(point 104)*

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.7 *(item 100)*, A/C.2/54/L.14 *(100 (a))*, A/C.2/54/L.15 *(100 (c))*, A/C.2/54/L.16 and L.17 *(item 100)* and A/C.2/54/L.18 *(100 (d))*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491*)

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Introductory statement by the Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance

General discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.26

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491*)

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4. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. III), A/54/7 and A/54/16)

Part IV: International cooperation for development

Environment (Part IV, section 12 and A/C.5/54/20) *(continued)*

Human settlements (Part IV, section 13 and A/C.5/54/16)

Crime prevention and criminal justice (Part IV, section 14)

International drug control (Part IV, section 15 and A/53/643)

Part V: Regional cooperation for development

Economic and social development in Africa (Part V, section 16)

Regional commission (Part V, section 16A)

Regional Commissions New York Office (Part V, section 16B)

Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific (Part V, section 17)

Economic development in Europe (Part V, section 18)

Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Part V, section 19)

Economic and social development in Western Asia (Part V, section 20)

Regular programme of technical cooperation (Part V, section 21)

General discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1st meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	2nd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

SIXTH COMMITTEE

6.15 p.m.-8 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session (agenda item 155)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

3. Executive session on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS)

4. Executive session on temporary assistance for meetings: requirements for 2000-2001

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 9

Informal consultations: draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangaoela (Lesotho) on: (a) Report of the fourth special session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1999/23/Add.1); and on Transportation of dangerous goods *(item 13 (g))* (E/1999/43 and E/1999/L.59); and (b) Draft decision on the participation of non-governmental organizations to the World Summit for Social Development in the work of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-eighth session

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (c)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas"), convened by the coordinators (Canada and Pakistan), on Monday, 8 November 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal briefing

In connection with issues under discussion in the Second Committee, Mr. D.R. Mehta, Chairman of the Securities Exchange Board of India, will give an informal briefing on the topic of "New Challenges for Equity Markets in Developing Countries" on Monday, 8 November 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

The Secretary of the Information Systems Coordination Committee (Geneva) will present the activities of the Committee with an on-line demonstration of tools developed by the Committee for Member organizations.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 8 November 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9.30 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on items 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council), 98 (a) (Industrial development cooperation), 102 (Training and research) and 97 (d) (Science and Technology))

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 109: United Nations Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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In accordance with paragraph 86 of the report on the eleventh session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/54/39), informal consultations of the High-level Committee will be held on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the theme for the twelfth session of the Committee proposed by the Group of 77 and China entitled "The role of technical cooperation among developing countries in science and technology for development". The informal consultations is open to all Member States.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 9 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	50th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [33]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/259)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.11)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 1

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 4
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 3

* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY

10 a.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultation on agenda item 28

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 28 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization) will take place on Tuesday, 9 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of a political declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Seminar

There will be a seminar entitled "A World Without Poverty: A Collaborative Approach to Strategic Poverty Reduction", organized by the World Bank, on Wednesday, 10 November 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Mr. Sarwar Lateef, Senior Advisor on Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank, will make a presentation. Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the seminar. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Discussion

The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

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Panel discussion

The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, Professor Samuel Huntington, Harvard University, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Federico Mayor, Director-General of UNESCO, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 5 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4060th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Second report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Preliminary Deployment in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/1999/1116)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1130, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1130) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1130) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1273 (1999).

4061st (private) meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4061st meeting, held in private on 5 November 1999, the Security Council considered the item entitled "Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)". The representatives of Albania, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine were invited, at their request, to participate in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"Mr. Branislav Srdanovic was invited, at Mr. Jovanovic's request, to participate.

"The Permanent Observer of Switzerland to the United Nations was also invited, at his request, in accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, to participate without the right to vote.

"The Security Council heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Bernard Kouchner, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The members of the Council made comments and posed questions in connection with the briefing. Mr. Kouchner responded to the comments and questions posed by members of the Council."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 24th meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Introduction of revised draft resolutions

The representative of Egypt introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.7/Rev.1.

Action on draft resolutions

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.5 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.29 was adopted without a vote.

Draft decision A/C.1/54/L.28 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.48 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.40/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 137 to 0, with 2 abstentions.

The Committee took action first on an amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.1/Rev.1, contained in document A/C.1/54/L.56, and then on the amended text of draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.1/Rev.1, as follows: the amendment A/C.1/54/L.56 was adopted by a recorded vote of 22 to 1, with 95 abstentions, and the amended draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.1/Rev.1 was also adopted by a recorded vote of 54 to 4, with 73 abstentions.

THIRD COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternatives approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia, Mr. Thomas Hammarberg, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia, in which the representatives of Cambodia, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Japan and Canada took part.

The Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Maurice Copithorne, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran in which the representatives of the United States, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, the Dominican Republic, Canada and the Islamic Republic of Iran took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan, in which the representatives of the Sudan, the United States, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cuba, Iraq and China took part.

35th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.46

The representative of Namibia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in document, as well as Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Cameroon, Cyprus, Denmark, Greece, Guinea Bissau, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Mongolia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.50

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Angola, Ecuador and Senegal, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.52

The representative of Sweden, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Belgium, Croatia, France, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Panama, the Republic of Moldova, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Venezuela, introduced the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.24

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of the introduction.

Guinea, Norway, Panama, Tajikistan, the United States and Uzbekistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Bahamas withdrew as sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

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The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

The Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti, Mr. Adama Dieng, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti, in which the representatives of Haiti, Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Cuba took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Yugoslavia, Mr. Jiri Dienstbier, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Yugoslavia, in which the representatives of Albania, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Denmark, Croatia, the Russian Federation and Cuba took part.

The Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda, Mr. Michel Moussalli, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda in which the representatives of Canada, Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Rwanda took part.

The Director of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, introduced the reports of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq, the Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons, and the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi, who were not able to present their reports and made an introductory statement under sub-item 116 (b).

A statement was made by the representative of Burundi.

The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya spoke on a point of order.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Iraq, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, India, the Russian Federation, Congo and Jamaica.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 28th meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement regarding the procedure to be followed.

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/101/Rev.1 and A/C.5/54/5)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Gerard Biraud (France), Ms. Norma Goicochea Estenoz (Cuba), Mr. Vladimir V. Kuznetsov (Russian Federation), Ms. Susan M. Shearouse (United States of America) and Mr. Roger Tchoungui (Cameroon) as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000.

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/54/102 and A/C.5/54/6)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Alvaro Gurgel de Alencar Netto (Brazil), Mr. Ju Kuilin (China), Mr. Sergei I. Mareyev (Russian Federation), Mr. Angel Marron (Spain), Mr. Hae-Yun Park (Republic of Korea) and Mr. Ugo Sessi (Italy) as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000.

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/54/103 and A/C.5/54/7)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint the Auditor-General of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2000.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee(A/54/104 and A/C.5/54/8)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly confirm the appointment of Ms. Francine Bovich (United States of America), Mr. Takeshi Ohta (Japan) and Mr. Peter Stormonth Darling (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000.

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/54/105 and A/C.5/54/9)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Julio Barboza (Argentina) and Mr. Mayer Gabay (Israel) members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000.

(f) Appointment of a member and alternate member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/53/112 and A/C.5/54/10)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Amjad Hussain B. Sial (Pakistan) for membership in the United Nations Staff Pension Committee beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2000.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of the Republic of South Africa made a statement.

United Nations common system [126]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of the Office of Inter-Agency Affairs of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs presented written replies to the questions raised by members of the Committee during the general discussion on this item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel of the United Nations made a statement.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol.I-III) together with the relevant chapters of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/54/16) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7).

Part IV. International cooperation for development

Trade and development (Part IV, section 11A)

International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

The Committee continued its consideration of section 11A.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil (on sections 9 and 11A); on section 11A, by the United States, Canada, Japan, the Sudan, Egypt, Ethiopia, China, the Bahamas (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Cuba and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the East African Cooperation), India (on sections 10 and 11A); and on section 11A, by Zambia.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 11A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 11B. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination made a statement regarding section 11B.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Brazil and Cuba.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to suspend consideration of section 11B pending the submission of the relevant budget document to the Committee.

Section 12. Environment

Section 13. Human settlements

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination made a statement regarding section 12.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China (on sections 12 and 13)); on sections 12 and 13, by Kenya, the United States and Japan; and on section 12, by Uganda and Pakistan.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 28th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece, the Czech Republic, Israel, Germany, Brazil, Bahrain, the Russian Federation, Bangladesh, Italy, Kuwait, Portugal, Cuba and Haiti, and by the observer for Switzerland.

The Special Rapporteur on Unilateral Acts made a statement.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission also spoke.

The Committee thus concluded the debate on this item.

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS
WITH THE HOST COUNTRY 200th meeting

Draft report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (A/AC.154/1999/CRP.1)

The Chairman spoke.

The Rapporteur (Costa Rica) introduced the draft report of the Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Malaysia and the United States.

The Committee approved the report, as orally amended.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, Senegal, and the United States, as well as by the representative of the New York City Commission for the United Nations and Consular Corps.

The Chairman informed the Committee about the Bureau meeting which had preceded the meeting of the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Twenty-first session 10th meeting

Note. The summary of the 10th meeting of the Committee on Information will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/215).

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 1999

1811th meeting

The Committee considered communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant (agenda item 8) in closed session.

The Chairman then declared the sixty-seventh session of the Committee closed.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring. New York, 4 June 1954

Denunciation: Singapore (3 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibits

A Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display from 8 to 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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To mark the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, an international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display from 9 to 21 November 1999. The opening of the exhibit will be held on Tuesday, 9 November, at 6.30 p.m. in the Visitor's Lobby of the General Assembly Building, in the presence of Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, Vendela Thommessen, UNICEF International Spokesperson, and Gerd Poppe, German Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the Sixteenth to Mid-nineteenth Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until Friday, 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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Special event

On the occcasion of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, a special event will be held on Thursday, 11 November 1999, in the General Assembly Hall, immediately following the adjournment of the General Assembly commemoration starting at 10 a.m. The event will be chaired by the President of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab. Other participants will be the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, Ms. Carol Bellamy, the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Mr. Olara Otunnu, the Acting Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Ms. Marilia Sardenberg, and the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Paolo Fulci.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Algeria
H.E. Mr. Abdallah Baali

Asian States:
Viet Nam
H.E. Mr. Ngo Quang Xuan

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Kitts and Nevis
H.E. Mr. Joseph Christmas
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mrs. Claudia Fritsche

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 9 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Georgia (S/1999/1087)

Somalia

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

Announcement

A briefing will be given by Ms. Carla Del Ponte, Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia and of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States, at a formal meeting of the Security Council to be held on Wednesday, 10 November 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 50th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [33]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/259)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.11)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1 and Add. 1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Environment and sustainable development [100]

   (f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.23

2. Training and research [102] (A/54/390, A/54/480, A/54/481)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Training and research [102]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.26

4. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103] (A/54/152-1999/92 and Corr.1 (Arabic only)

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Environment and sustainable development [100]

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.22

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/54/3, A/54/407, A/54/443)

   Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.14 *(100 (a))*, A/C.2/ 54/L.15 *(100 (c))*, A/C.2/ 54/L.16 and L.17 *(item 100)* and A/C.2/ 54/L.18 *(100 (d))*

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* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491*)

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1

2. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.53

3. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [113]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.45

4. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.52

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491*)

6. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

7. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [127] (A/54/393)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. III), A/54/7 and A/54/16)

Part V: Regional cooperation for development

Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Part V, section 19)

Economic and social development in Western Asia (Part V, section 20)

Regular programme of technical cooperation (Part V, section 21)

General discussion

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* To be issued.

* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Part VI: Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Human rights (Part VI, section 22 and A/53/643)

Protection of and assistance to refugees (Part VI, section 23 and A/C.5/54/15)

Palestine refugees (Part VI, section 24)

Humanitarian assistance (Part VI, section 25)

General discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

SIXTH COMMITTEE

6.15 p.m.-8 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultation on agenda item 28

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 28 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization) will take place *today*, 9 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on agenda item 14

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution on agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency) *today*, 9 November 1999, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 9 November, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 9 November 1999

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:
WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 102 (Training an research) and on item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council))

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP:
WORKING GROUP ON THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 97 (c) (Trade and development) and on item 101 (a): World Summit for Children)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting)

6 p.m.-7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	51st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Bethlehem 2000: draft resolution (A/54/L.20) [36]
2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services: letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/531) [17 (i)]
3. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft resolution (A/54/L.16) [37]
4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: draft resolution (A/54/L.6/Rev.1) [106]

Committees

	FIRST COMMITTEE			THIRD COMMITTEE	
10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2	10 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 1
			3 p.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 1

	SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)	
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2

	SECOND COMMITTEE			FIFTH COMMITTEE	
10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6	10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6	3 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY

10 a.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	6th meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

In the context of the discussions on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements and the reduction of poverty, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "Global Campaign on Secure Tenure". H.E. Mr. Ole Peter Kolby, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, will moderate the event. Mr. William Cobbett, Acting Head of the Shelter Branch of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), Ms. Jan Peterson, Chair of the Huairou Commission, and Ms. Ethel Velez, President of James Johnson Public Housing, will be among the panellists. Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi, Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the panel discussion. The event, which is being organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Friday, 12 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of a political declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 11 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be a closed meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations (IAPR) on Thursday, 11 November 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B. There will be a briefing by the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(briefing by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme)* on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar entitled "A World Without Poverty: A Collaborative Approach to Strategic Poverty Reduction", organized by the World Bank, on Wednesday, 10 November 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Mr. Sarwar Lateef, Senior Advisor on Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank, will make a presentation. Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the seminar. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Discussion

The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

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Panel discussion

The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, Professor Samuel Huntington, Harvard University, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Federico Mayor, Director-General of UNESCO, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 5 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Twenty-first session 10th meeting

Note: The summary of the 10th meeting of the Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/216).

Monday, 8 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4062nd (private) meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4062nd meeting, held in private on 8 November 1999, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina". The representatives of Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine were invited, at their request, to participate in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The Permanent Observer of Switzerland to the United Nations was also invited, at his request, in accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, to participate without the right to vote.

"The Security Council heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Wolfgang Petritsch, High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina. The members of the Council made comments and posed questions in connection with the briefing. Mr. Petritsch responded to the comments and questions posed by members of the Council."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

48th plenary meeting

Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the sixth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/54/187) [53]

The General Assembly took note of the sixth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

The President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Croatia, Norway, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Egypt, Pakistan and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 53.

Report of the international Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/54/315) [51]

The General Assembly took note of the fourth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

The President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Norway, Egypt, Lesotho, Zambia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Liechtenstein and Rwanda.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 51.

49th plenary meeting

Floods in Viet Nam

The Vice-President made a statement.

The representative of Viet Nam made a statement.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/108) [17(h)]

The Vice-President announced that, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, Burkina Faso would be included in the list of four countries to be drawn up that would be requested to propose a candidate for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

Since, from among the Eastern European States, there were four candidates for one vacancy, and from among the Western European and other States, there were three candidates for two vacancies, the General Assembly proceeded to select by secret ballot one State from the Eastern European States and two States from the Western European and other States that, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, would be included in the list of four countries to be drawn up.

The results of the first round of balloting were as follows:

	Votes
Austria	103
Belarus	60
Croatia	20
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	28
Germany	134
Romania	65
United States of America	101

On the first round of balloting, Austria and Germany were selected to be included in the list of four countries to be drawn up that would be requested to propose candidates for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

Since one country from among the Eastern European States remained to be selected, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a second round of balloting (first restricted ballot).

The results of the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Belarus	77
Romania	93

On the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot), Romania was selected to be included in the list of four countries to be drawn up that would be requested to propose a candidate for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

The Vice-President announced that the President would propose a list of candidates to the General Assembly for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit after holding the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 17.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 25th meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Introduction of revised draft resolutions

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.12/Rev.1.

The representative of Egypt introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.21/Rev.1 and orally amended operative paragraph 4 (a).

Action on draft resolutions

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.7/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.8/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 125 to 3, with 11 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.23 was adopted by a recorded vote of 137 to none, with 5 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.41 was adopted by a recorded vote of 90 to 40, with 17 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.2 was adopted by a recorded vote of 122 to 0, with 19 abstentions.

The Committee took action on draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1, as follows: the eighth preambular paragraph was adopted by a recorded vote of 127 to 1, with 14 abstentions; and draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 143 to 0, with 3 abstentions.

SECOND COMMITTEE 33rd meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(c) Women and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.21

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(a) High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.25

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77.

Environment and sustainable development [100]

(b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Director of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction Secretariat of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, the Russian Federation, Mexico, Norway, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Turkey, Colombia, Antigua and Barbuda, Thailand, San Marino, Nicaragua, South Africa and Jamaica.

The representative of the World Meteorological Organization made a statement.

34th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 100 (a) and heard statements by the representatives of Nigeria, Japan, El Salvador, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Indonesia.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the item.

THIRD COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternatives approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

The representative of Iraq made a statement.

The Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance, Mr. Abdelfattah Amor, made a presentation.

The Committee engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance in which the representatives of Angola, Algeria, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Myanmar, San Marino, Chile, Tunisia and Nepal took part.

The Committee then began its general discussion of sub-items 116 (b), (c), (d) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of Croatia, the United States, Senegal, Japan, the Czech Republic, Bangladesh, the Sudan, New Zealand and Ecuador.

The representative of the United Nations Population Fund also made a statement.

37th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.26

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Guyana, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, the Netherlands, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternatives approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion on sub-items 116 (b), (c), (d) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Thailand, Liechtenstein, Ukraine, Cuba, Algeria, Colombia and Tunisia and by the observer for Switzerland.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Kuwait, the Sudan, Iraq, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 29th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I-III) together with the relevant chapters of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/54/16) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7).

Part IV: International cooperation for development

Section 12. Environment

The Committee continued its consideration of section 12.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil and Cuba.

The Controller replied to a question raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 12 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 13. Human settlements

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination made a statement regarding section 13.

Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, Cuba and Uganda.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 13 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 14. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Brazil, the United States, Japan, Uganda, Cuba, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines and Australia.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 14 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 15. International drug control

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, the United States, Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, the Philippines and Uganda.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 15 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The representative of Australia made a general statement regarding Part IV (International cooperation for development), in particular on sections 9 (Economic and social affairs) and 11A (Trade and development).

Titre V: Regional cooperation for development

Section 16. Economic and social development in Africa

Section 16 A. Regional commission

Section 16 B. Regional Commissions New York Office

Section 17. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

Section 18. Economic development in Europe

Section 19. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Section 20. Economic and social development in Western Asia

Section 21. Regular programme of technical cooperation

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced Part V of the report of the Advisory Committee (A/54/7).

The representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement on Part V (Regional cooperation for development).

Statements on section 16 were made by the representatives of Egypt, Algeria, Japan, the United States, Uganda, Zambia, the Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Cuba, Ghana, Namibia, Nigeria, Israel, Kenya, the Sudan and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Controller and the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

30th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee continued its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 16. Economic and social development in Africa

Section 16A. Regional commission

Section 16B. Regional Commissions New York Office

The Committee continued its consideration of section 16.

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

The Controller replied to a question raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 16 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 17. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN countries), Japan, China, Bangladesh and the United States.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 17 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 18. Economic development in Europe

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Japan, Cuba, Ukraine and Canada.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions posed.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 18 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 1999

391st meeting

Opening of the session

The twenty-third session of the Committee was declared open by its Chairman.

The Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee amended the provisional agenda (CAT/C/51).

Organizational and other matters [3]

The Committee considered the item.

In closed session, the Committee discussed organizational matters concerning information received under article 20 of the Convention (agenda item 5).

392nd (closed) meeting

The Committee discussed, in closed session, organizational matters related to individual communications received under article 22 (agenda item 6).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Paris, 13 January 1993

Ratification: Nicaragua (5 November 1999)*

Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. New York, 28 September 1954

Accession: Latvia (5 November 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994. Geneva, 26 January 1994

Ratification: Portugal (4 November 1999)*

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Panama (3 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibits

To mark the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, an international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display from *today*, 9 November, to Sunday, 21 November 1999. The opening of the exhibit will be held *today* at 6.30 p.m. in the Visitor's Lobby of the General Assembly Building, in the presence of Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, Vendela Thommessen, UNICEF International Spokesperson, and Gerd Poppe, German Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the Sixteenth to Mid-nineteenth Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until Friday, 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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A Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display until Thursday,18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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Special event

On the occcasion of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, a special event will be held on Thursday, 11 November 1999, in the General Assembly Hall, immediately following the adjournment of the General Assembly commemoration starting at 10 a.m. The event will be chaired by the President of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab. Participants will be the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, Ms. Carol Bellamy, the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rig..ts, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Mr. Olara Otunnu, the Acting Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Ms. Marilia Sardenberg, and the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Paolo Fulci.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and program.nes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Letter dated 31 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/287)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

11 a.m.	4063rd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia

   International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in Burundi".

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 51st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Bethlehem 2000: draft resolution (A/54/L.20) [36]

2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services: letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/531) [17 (i)]

3. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft resolution (A/54/L.16) [37]

4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: draft resolution (A/54/L.6/Rev.1) [106]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 20th meeting Conference Room 2

Effects of atomic radiation [86] (A/54/46, A/C.4/54/L.20)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.20 *(item 99 (a))* and A/C.2/54/L.21 *(item 99 (c))*

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.15 *(item 100 (c))*, A/C.2/54/L.16 and L.17 *(item 100)* and A/C.2/54/L.18 *(item 100 (d))*

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.16 and L.17 *(item 100)* and A/C.2/54/L.18 *(item 100 (d))*

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.19 *(item 104)*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 40th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491)

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/54/527-S/1999/1125, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 41st meeting Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.49

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [110]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.54 and L.55

3. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.26 and L.28/Rev.1

4. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.50

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491)

6. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/54/527-S/1999/1125, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

7. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. II), A/54/7 and A/54/16)

Part V: Regional cooperation for development

Regular programme of technical cooperation (Part V, section 21) *(continued)*

Part VI: Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Human rights (Part VI, section 22 and A/53/643) *(continued)*

Protection of and assistance to refugees (Part VI, section 23 and A/C.5/54/15)

Palestine refugees (Part VI, section 24)

Humanitarian assistance (Part VI, section 25)

Part VII: Public information (Section 26 and A/C.5/54/27)

General discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 3

Part VIII: Common support services

Management and central support services (Part VIII, section 27)

Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management (Part VIII, section 27A)

Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts (Part VIII, section 27B)

Office of Human Resources Management (Part VIII, section 27C, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21 and A/53/955)

Office of Central Support Services (Part VIII, section 27D and A/C.5/54/25)

Administration, Geneva (Part VIII, section 27E)

Administration, Vienna (Part VIII, section 27F)

Administration, Nairobi (Part VIII, section 27G)

General discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

4.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning nationality of natural persons in relation to succession of States

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia; Performance of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia; Conditions of services of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

2. Meeting with Mr. Karl Th. Paschke, Under-Secretary-General, Office of Internal Oversight Services

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on items 98 (b) (Business and development); 101 (a): World Summit for Children; and 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council))

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 109: United Nations Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW))

4.15 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

6.15 p.m.-7.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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There will be a closed meeting of the South Pacific Countries (SOPAC) *today*, 10 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors to the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) will be held *today*, 10 November 1999, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar entitled "A World Without Poverty: A Collaborative Approach to Strategic Poverty Reduction", organized by the World Bank, *today*, 10 November 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Mr. Sarwar Lateef, Senior Advisor on Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank, will make a presentation. Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the seminar. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 11 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	52nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child [165]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 4
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 4
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Second Committee

** Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Second Committee

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

In the context of the discussions on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements and the reduction of poverty, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "Global Campaign on Secure Tenure". H.E. Mr. Ole Peter Kolby, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, will moderate the event. Mr. William Cobbett, Acting Head of the Shelter Branch of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), Ms. Jan Peterson, Chair of the Huairou Commission, and Ms. Ethel Velez, President of James Johnson Public Housing, will be among the panellists. The event, which is being organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Friday, 12 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The 248th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of apolitical declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 11 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a closed meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations (IAPR) on Thursday, 11 November 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B. There will be a briefing by the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(briefing by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme)* on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Panel discussions

The UNICEF NGO Sub-Working Group on Children in Armed Conflicts will hold a panel discussion on the plight of Sierra Leonan children on Thursday, 11 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

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The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, Professor Samuel Huntington, Harvard University, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Federico Mayor, Director-General of UNESCO, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal briefing

Mr. Maurice F. Strong, President of the Council on the University for Peace, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments relating to the revitalization of the University for Peace, especially in the light of General Assembly discussions under agenda item 21 (University for Peace) (document A/54/312), and on the forthcoming Council session, te be held in San José (Costa Rica) from 21 to 23 November 1999. The briefing will be held on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 5 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Twenty-first session 10th meeting

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the revised text of its draft resolution B. It also adopted, without a vote, the text of the revised draft decision.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information also made a statement.

The twenty-first session of the Committee was then declared closed.

Tuesday, 9 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

50th plenary meeting

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [33]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/259)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.11)

H.E. Mr. Ricardo Alarcón de Quesada, President of the National Assembly of Cuba, made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.11.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Myanmar, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Argentina, Viet Nam, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mali, Zambia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Namibia, Jamaica, the United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, the Russian Federation, the Sudan, Iraq, South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the United States and Belarus.

By 155 votes to 2, with 8 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.11 (resolution 54/21).

The representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines made a statement on a point of order.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Japan, Canada, the Republic of Korea, Uruguay, Brazil, China, Norway and Australia.

The representative of Cameroon made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 33.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 26th meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Action on draft resolutions

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.12/Rev.2 was adopted by a recorded vote of 65 to none, with 58 abstentions.

The Committee took action on draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.18*, as follows: operative paragraph 7 was adopted by a recorded vote of 128 to 3, with 3 abstentions; operative paragraph 18 was adopted by a recorded vote of 128 to none, with 5 abstentions; and the draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.18*, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 90 to 13, with 37 abstentions.

The Committee took action on draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.21/Rev.1, as follows: eighth preambular paragraph was adopted by a recorded vote of 132 to 2, with 3 abstentions; operative paragraph 4 (b) was adopted by a recorded vote of 77 to 45, with 16 abstentions; and the draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.21/Rev.1, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 81 to 45, with 13 abstentions.

The Committee took action on draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.9/Rev.1, as follows: second preambular paragraph was adopted by a recorded vote of 130 to 1, with 4 abstentions; operative paragraph 1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 134 to 2, with 3 abstentions; operative paragraph 9 was adopted by a recorded vote of 103 to 1, with 27 abstentions; and the draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.9/Rev.1, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 128 to none, with 12 abstentions.

27th meeting

The Committee concluded its third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Action on draft resolutions

The representative of Canada, on behalf of the sponsors, withdrew draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.30.

Conclusion of the third stage of the Committee's work

The Chairman made a concluding statement and declared the work of the First Committee on disarmament and international security items concluded for the fifty-fourth session.

The representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the associated States), Lebanon (on behalf of Arab States), South Africa (on behalf of the Members of the United Nations which are members of the Non-Aligned Movement), Croatia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Viet Nam (on behalf of the Asian Group of States), Algeria (on behalf of African States) and Liechtenstein (on behalf of the Western European and other States), as well as Argentina and Peru, made statements.

SECOND COMMITTEE

35th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [100]

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.23

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Training and research [102]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the Director of the United Nations Staff College at Turin.

A statement was also made by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of UNITAR.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus and Malta), Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Switzerland, Nigeria, Israel, Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Jordan, China and Japan.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 102.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.26

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are Members of the European Union) introduced the draft resolution.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The representative of the Regional Commissions New York Office made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Yemen and Jordan.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

36th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [100]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.22

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the draft resolution (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Turkey) and informed the Committee that the draft resolution should be under agenda item 100.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, Tunisia, Egypt, the Sudan, Lebanon, Qatar and Pakistan.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Assistant Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus and Malta), the Russian Federation, Belarus, Ukraine, Venezuela, Egypt and China.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 12.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to the request of the Group of 77 and China to an extension of the deadline for submission of draft resolutions under 98 (b) (Business and development) until Friday, 12 November, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 38th meeting

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternatives approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of sub-items 116 (b), (c), (d) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Luthiania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland), Canada, China, Indonesia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Guatemala, Mongolia, Costa Rica and Yemen, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

39th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1

The representative of Guyana, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as the sponsors listed in the document and Australia, Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg and Norway, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.53

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.45

The Secretary read out a statement on programme budget implications of the draft resolution, which also applied to draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.52.

The Secretary also read out the correction which had been made to the text when it was introduced.

The Russian Federation, Solomon Islands and the Democratic Republic of the Congo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.52

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the oral statement read out by the Secretary in connection with draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.45.

The representative of Sweden orally corrected the text and announced that Bulgaria, Georgia, Latvia and Luxembourg had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Ecuador and Belarus joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternatives approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the subitems and heard statements by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, San Marino, Brazil, the Syrian Arab Republic, Kenya, Venezuela, Cyprus, Lebanon, Myanmar, Belarus, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and India.

The representative of the European Commission made a statement.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Malaysia, Iraq, the Sudan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Burundi.

Organization of work

It was announced that on Wednesday, 10 November, in the afternoon, the Committee would hear the introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.49, under agenda item 112, and take action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.54 and L.55, under agenda item 110; A/C.3/54/L.26 and L.28/Rev.1, under agenda item 114; and A/C.3/54/L.50, under agenda item 116 (a). The Committee was further informed that on Thursday, 11 November, in the afternoon, it would take action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.46 and L.49, under agenda item 112, and A/C.3/54/L.53, under agenda item 116 (a).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 31st meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [127]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised at the 22nd meeting of the Fifth Committee held on 2 November 1999.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Turkey, Cuba, Pakistan, New Zealand, Algeria, Canada and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services made a concluding statement and replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be announced at a later date.

The Chairman made a statement.

32nd meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I-III) together with the relevant chapters of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/54/16) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7).

Part VI: Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Section 22. Human rights

Section 23. Protection of and assistance to refugees

Section 24. Palestine refugees

Section 25. Humanitarian assistance

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced sections 22 to 25 of Part VI (A/54/7).

Part V: Regional cooperation for development

Section 19. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, Ecuador, Brazil, Japan, Cuba, the United States and Canada.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 19 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 20. Economic and social development in Western Asia

Statements were made by the representatives of Kuwait, the Syrian Arab Republic, Japan, Cuba, the United States, Canada and Nigeria.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 20 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The representative of Australia made a general statement regarding Part V (Regional cooperation for development), in particular sections 16 to 20.

The representative of Algeria made a statement on section 16.

Section 21. Regular programme of technical cooperation

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, Algeria, Cuba, India, Canada, Uganda and the United States.

The Director of the Budget Division and the Controller replied to questions raised.

Part VI: Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Section 22. Human rights

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Section 24. Palestine refugees

Section 25. Humanitarian assistance

Statements were made by the representative of the Philippines on section 22; the representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta Liechtenstein and Norway (on sections 22-25); on section 22, by the representatives of Algeria, China, Cameroon, Canada, the Republic of Korea, Cuba, India (on section 25); on section 22, by the representatives of Uganda, the United States, Nigeria and Japan.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 1999

393rd meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Malta (CAT/C/29/Add.6). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee discussed issues relating to the draft optional protocol to the Convention.

394th (closed) meeting

Consideration of information received under article 20 of the Convention [5]

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee considered the items in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 22 March 1989

Accession: Burkina Faso (4 November 1999)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Approval: Slovakia (3 November 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special events

On the occcasion of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, a special event will be held on Thursday, 11 November 1999, in the General Assembly Hall, immediately following the adjournment of the General Assembly commemoration starting at 10 a.m. The event will be chaired by the President of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab. Participants will be the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, Ms. Carol Bellamy, the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Mr. Olara Otunnu, the Acting Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Ms. Marilia Sardenberg, and the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Paolo Fulci.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A musical event of Uzbek songs, music and dances, entitled "Pearls of the East", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United Nations in connection with the Days of Culture of Uzbekistan in the United States, will be held on Friday, 12 November 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibits

The exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the Sixteenth to Mid-nineteenth Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until Friday, 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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The Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display until Thursday, 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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The international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display until Sunday, 21 November 1999, in the Visitor's Lobby.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Algeria
H.E. Mr. Abdallah Baali

Asian States:
Viet Nam
H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Kitts and Nevis
H.E. Mr. Joseph Christmas
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mrs. Claudia Fritsche

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